apprehended, besides recovery of 8174 weapons.

Airforce aircraft accidents

1421. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the aircrafts belonging to Air Force are frequently meeting with accidents;

(b) if so, the number of IAF aircrafts which have met with accidents in the last three years;

(c) the number of Jawans killed/injured during these accidents;

(d) the amount of loss of property relating to these accidents;

(e) what was the reason of each accident;

(f) what was the reason of the accident; that took place recently near Bhind; and

(g) what are the steps being taken to contain such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Considering the fact that IAF flying involves operational training of high risk, the average decadal number of accident are not out of conformity with the prevailing circumstances.

(b)

Year	Number of aircraft destroyed
1990-91	23 ac
1991-92	32 ac
1992-93	23 ac

(c)

Year ..	Killed	Injured
1990-91	3	2
1991-92	3	Nil
1992-93	Nil	Nil

(d) Loss of Property

Year	Service	Civil
1990-91	117.43 crore	0.60 lakh
1991-92	116.29 crore	1.65 lakh
1992-93	63.93 crore	1.36 lakh

(e) Out of 76 accidents involving 88 aircrafts 37 were due to human error, 23 due to technical defect, 6 due to bird strike and 10 due to other reasons.

(f) The Court of Inquiry into this accident is still in progress. From preliminary investigation it appears that the aircraft was fully serviceable and that the most probable cause of the accident is likely to be human error on the past of the pilot.

(i) After every accident a Court of Inquiry is ordered. This inquiry is conducted by Air Force Officers including representatives from the concerned authorities. Remedial measures as recommended are implemented. In addition to this, high level investigations and special studies are ordered whenever and adverse trend is noticed.

(ii) As in on-going process the following steps are taken:

(a) Review of all operational flying training syllabi.

(b) Checking of flying skill/ability to import it, of all flying supervisors.

(c) Inspection of all flying units/wings associated with flying /maintenance on a regular basis.

Crash of MIG-21 aircraft at Gwalior

1422. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-21 aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed in an army exercise camp at Gwalior on June 26, 1993;

(b) if so, the main cause of the accident, indicating the result of the inquiry, if any, caused into the accident; and